

COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

BUDGET SESSION OF 1101.

*Wednesday, the 20th of Karkadagam 1101
4th of August 1926*

The Council assembled in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, at 11-30 a. m., on Wednesday, the 20th of Karkadagam 1101, corresponding to the 4th of August 1926, the President being in the Chair. Messrs. C. Achyuta Menon, Lonappan Chakkola, P. Munda Vaidyan, Poulo Mampilli, K. S. Rama Ayyar and K. Sankaran Nambudiri were absent.

President.—We will commence the day's proceedings with Questions and Answers as usual.

Arrangement of Demands for Discussion.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—On a point of information. I want to know whether it is not in your power so to regulate the future discussions during this session as to give us an opportunity to discuss all the demands. At the rate at which we are progressing now, the most important departments are not likely to come up.

President.—But we must pass on from motion to motion. Is it not possible for the Members to come to some understanding regarding that matter? For instance, there are very minor demands. So far as I know, the most important demands are Education, Public Works and Medical. These are the three important demands.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Under Standing Order 71, you have got power to regulate the business.

President.—I have got it; I have been thinking of it. Next year, I want to make a change about the way in which these demands will come up for discussion. Now, you see, you have to vote demands for grants in the order in which they appear in the published list. Hereafter, we shall make a selection as to which demand is important, and I shall put it accordingly.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—But it can be done this year also. Under Standing Order 71 you have got the power even to arrange this year, to rule such and such demands should come first.

President.—Of course, I have got the power. But as the statement of business is published, we shall follow that order.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Can you not divide equally the time for each demand?

President.—Each day one demand—that is the rule.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—More than one day should not be taken; that is the only rule. It does not say so many hours should be given to discuss such and such demands.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—That will be going against the rule.

President.—What I mean to say is that you will also see the relative importance of these demands and cut short the speeches and pass over all these minor demands. Let us see what progress we make to-day, and then shall see tomorrow which demands have to be taken up. Questions and Answers first.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Relief to Kole cultivators.

207. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action it has taken or propose to take to give relief to the *Kole* land cultivators?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 10th July 1926, P. No. 598 of 1101, published in the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 26th Mithunam 1101, page 690, Part I.

208. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state if it contemplates to take any action to prevent such losses as occurred this year by draught; and if so, what measures it proposes to take?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 10th July 1926, P. No. 598 of 1101, Revenue Department, Land Revenue, published at page 690, Part I of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 26th Mithunam 1101.

209. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state if it is true that the Diwan Peishkar sent urgent and stringent orders to push on the collection of the kists on the *Kole* lands in view of the failure of the crops? If the answer is in the affirmative; will the Government kindly state if it approves of such action?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No special orders of the nature referred to were issued by the Diwan Peishkar for the collection of kists of *Kole* lands.